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Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is April 19, the anniversary of the worst terrorist attack in U.S. history, the bombing in Oklahoma City. Timothy McVeigh, the person accused of the bombing, chose April 19, because that is the day the standoff with the Branch Davidians at Waco ended.

April 19 has become a holiday to some paranoid extremists, a day that to them symbolizes government's supposed tyranny. So the National Rifle Association, a group that gives aid and comfort to this paranoia and extremism by comparing law enforcement to Nazis, deliberately chose this day to hold their annual conference.

While most Americans will spend April 19 respecting the memory of those who died in Oklahoma City, the NRA will be at their convention bragging about their guns, thinking about AK-47's and their Uzis, instead of mourning the 169 people who died.

Simply put, the NRA leaders are thumbing their noses at the memory of those who died at Oklahoma City.

It is disgusting that the organization that called law enforcement storm troopers and jackbooted thugs is holding their convention tomorrow. The NRA is truly an organization with no shame.

THE OPPRESSIVE FEDERAL TAX BURDEN

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, this is the week that we are reminded by the April 15 filing deadline just how oppressive the Federal tax burden is in this country. But Tax Freedom Day, the day on which the average working person gets to stop working for the Government and begin working for themselves and their families, does not come until May 7 of this year, the latest date ever.

Working people in this country are being abused and ripped off by our Government. If any taxpayer has the audacity to complain about the ripoffs, he or she is immediately labeled as a member of the so-called greedy rich.

The Government takes money out of the pockets of working people so it can subsidize big corporations to advertise their products overseas. You do not like it? I guess you must be a member of the greedy rich. The Government takes money out of the pockets of working people to subsidize big agribusiness and inflate the cost of sugar, peanuts, and cotton. You do not like it? You must be a member of the greedy rich. The Government takes money out of the pockets of my people in Cincinnati, money that should be going to educate their own kids, and the Government uses that money to pay a bunch of bureaucrats here in Washington to write manuals about

school uniforms. You do not like it? I guess you must be a member of the greedy rich. Then the President vetoes a bill to give tax relief to working people.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to cut taxes.

AMERICANS DESERVE A RAISE IN THE MINIMUM WAGE

(Ms. MCKINNEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCKINNEY. Mr. Speaker, the 12 million Americans who earn the minimum wage aren't the only ones calling for an increase. In fact, 71 percent of Republican voters also support an increase in the minimum wage.

Moreover, 15 House Republicans are calling for a \$1 increase in the minimum wage over the next 2 years—that's 10 cents an hour more than what even the President is calling for.

So, Mr. Speaker, why is it that the Republican leadership refuses to even allow a debate on the minimum wage? Well, it is because they don't even believe that there should be a minimum wage, period. In fact, the majority leader is on record as saying that he will oppose a minimum wage increase with every fiber of his being. That's strong language coming from someone who earns over \$100,000 a year.

Mr. Speaker, America deserves a raise and it is time that we gave it to them.

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COSPONSOR H.R. 739, THE ONLY BILL THAT WILL DISMANTLE THE BILINGUAL EDUCATION

(Mr. ROTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROTH. Mr. Speaker, I want to tell you about a young boy named David. He lives in New York City and goes to public school in Brooklyn. David is like millions of other school age children across this country, except for one thing: He is being robbed, his grandmother says, of his opportunity to learn.

How can this be, you ask? Well, because David has been trapped in a bilingual education classroom for the past 6 years.

I first learned about David through a story his grandmother Ada wrote in the New York Times. Her account of the problems David encountered in his bilingual class is a cautionary tale of public policy failure and bureaucratic excess.

David and his mother speak English at home, and he grew up speaking English with his friends. Yet when he entered grade school, he was placed into a bilingual program. You see, David's last name is Jimenez, and the Brooklyn school bureaucrats reflexively place every child with Hispanic sur-

names into bilingual education classrooms. Six years later, David's parents had to sue the Bushwick School District in order to win the right to take him out of his bilingual classroom. You see, after 6 years David still couldn't read English.

Help me stop these tragedies from occurring. Cosponsor H.R. 739, the only bill that will dismantle the bilingual education bureaucracy. David and his grandmother shouldn't have to move heaven and Earth to give David an opportunity to learn English.

RICHARD ARMEY: THE LEADER OF THE CLUB

(Mr. SAWYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAWYER. Mr. Speaker, I guess it was in all the papers, but I had to see it to believe it. With the Speaker devoting more time to campaigning, they said the majority leader would be taking over the day-to-day management of the House and that there would be big changes.

And so there have been. We return to find a whole new way of legislating: not by hearings and committee work, but by special theme weeks like, the "Era of Big Government Is Over Week," "Defending America Week," and—I am not making this up—"Individual Freedom Versus Government Bureaucracy Week."

It kind of reminds me of 40 years ago when we would come home from school to enjoy Jimmy, Cubby, and Annette as they romped through "Circus Day," "Talent Roundup Day," and everybody's favorite, "Anything Can Happen Day!"

So it must be true. There are big changes. And when people ask the musical question, "Who's the leader of the club that's made for you and I?"

We can answer: R-i-c-h-a-r-d A-r-m-e-y.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CHILD PILOT SAFETY ACT

(Mr. DUNCAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, as chairman of the Subcommittee on Aviation of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, I am introducing legislation today, along with the ranking Democrat, the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. LIPINSKI], and others that addresses the issue of child pilots.

One week ago today, 7-year-old Jessica Dubroff, her father and flight instructor were killed when attempting to set an age record that would have made Jessica the youngest pilot to fly across the United States. Mr. Speaker, I encourage parents to spend time with their children, teach them new things, and expose them to new ideas and challenges. Unfortunately, though, some